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CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK CELEBRATES ITS 25,000th PATIENT FLIGHT

Question: What do you get when you cross Sallie Williams with Bonnie LeVar? Answer: Twenty-five thousand patient flights arranged by the staff, volunteers, and corporate participants of Corporate Angel Network. Back in October 1981, Sallie Williams helped to coordinate the first free cancer patient flight to treatment through the newly established Corporate Angel Network (CAN). In December 2006 Bonnie LeVar, the President of CAN, helped to coordinate the 25,000th flight when she arranged for 6-year old cancer patient Natalie and her mother to fly home to Florida from treatment at New York City's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.



Six year old Natalie and her mother board aircraft for CAN's 25,000th flight.

The great American poet Robert Frost once wrote, "I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep." The staff, volunteers and corporate participants of CAN take these words to heart every day as they work to fulfill their mission of arranging flights for cancer patients to treatment centers aboard corporate jets. When CAN was founded in 1981, perhaps only the co-founders could have envisioned a day when such a milestone would be reached, and then surpassed. All concerned had good reason to take a moment from their busy schedules to pat themselves on the back on the occasion of CAN's 25,000th flight. Now, however, everyone is back at their desks and hard at work because, with apologies to Robert Frost, "CAN has promises to keep, and many more flights to go before we sleep."

LEONARD GREENE, CO-FOUNDER OF CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK 1918-2006

Leonard Greene – a co-founder of Corporate Angel Network, founder of Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, a National Inventors Hall of Fame inductee, inventor of the Stall Warning Indicator and Wind Shear Warning System, and a life member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots – passed away on November 30, 2006, at age 88.

Born in 1918, he graduated from City College of New York with a degree in Chemistry and went on to receive a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He became an aerodynamicist and expert pilot, as well as an avid sailor who advised several America's Cup Syndicates and competed in Australia for the America's Cup with his twelve meter yacht, "Courageous." Throughout his business career he demonstrated that financial success and social consciousness



CAN Co-Founder Leonard M. Greene, 1918 – 2006.

From the President

This newsletter acknowledges many milestones with gratitude. In this, our 25th year, we recently celebrated our 25,000th cancer patient flight. We are thankful for the innovation, dedication and support of Pat Blum, Jay Weinberg and Leonard Greene who made such milestones possible.

A patient family member was referred to CAN by a friend. He called to ask how the program works, if his sister qualifies for a flight and if we think CAN will exist for "a few more years." "Of course it will" I answered. "Why do you ask?" He quickly responded "Because it seems just too good to be true." While I agree that it does seem "too good to be true" we continue to arrange record numbers of flights and look forward to celebrating our 50,000th flight.

We are thankful for the ongoing support of our corporations, fractional owners, and very dedicated volunteers. On behalf of all our patients, I extend our sincere appreciation to them for their efforts.

Bonnie Le Var

GULFSTREAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK

In a strong show of support for Corporate Angel Network, Gulfstream President Bryan Moss, Corporate Angel Network Chairman Randall Greene and Executive Director Peter Fleiss celebrated 25 years during which the business-jet manufacturer has supported Corporate Angel Network (CAN). Together, they unveiled a newly designed logo affixed to a Gulfstream G150 business jet during a ceremony at the Gulfstream Aerospace headquarters in Savannah GA.

"By participating in Corporate Angel Network, companies have the opportunity to help their local communities with minimum impact to their operations," Moss said. "CAN does most of the work and because patients are matched to flights that are already scheduled, there are no additional costs."

"We are grateful for the 25 years Gulfstream has supported our mission," Greene said. "By encouraging more than 1,000 of their customers to consider becoming a Corporate Angel, Gulfstream has provided an invaluable conduit between our organization and Gulfstream corporate jet owners."



Gulfstream President Bryan Moss (center) along with Corporate Angel Network Chairman Randall Greene (left) and Executive Director Peter Fleiss unveiled a newly designed logo affixed to a Gulfstream G150 business jet during a ceremony celebrating 25 years of Gulfstream support for Corporate Angel Network.

From now through the end of this year, the commemorative logo will be displayed on the exterior of Gulfstream's demonstrator aircraft and projected on the screens of in-cabin entertainment systems. These aircraft are used to better acquaint potential customer with the aircraft model and performance capabilities. Gulfstream will also do a custom mailing to each of its customers suggesting they participate in CAN if they are not already doing so.

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are not mutually exclusive by implementing innovative employment policies, barring mandatory retirement age, actively recruiting the disabled and providing profit sharing at his own manufacturing facility. In 1974 he founded the Institute for SocioEconomic Studies, a nonpartisan think tank dedicated to enhancing economic and social opportunities and improving the quality of life. He was also a prolific writer who authored "Free Enterprise Without Poverty" (Norton, 1981), "The National Tax Rebate: A New America with Less Government" (Regnery, 1998), and "Inventorship: The Art of Innovation" (Wiley, 2001).

Greene's inventions are credited with having saved thousands of lives. Among his many awards are the Flight Safety Foundation's Air Safety Award (1949 and 1981); the National Business Aircraft Association's Pilot Safety Award (1961); the degree of Doctor of Civil Law *honoris causa* from Pace University (1977); the Private Sector Initiative Commendation of the President of the United States (1982 and 1984); the Special Act Award of the US Environmental Protection Agency; and the US Patent and Trademark Office's Contribution to American Innovation Award (2002).

Greene flew the first Corporate Angel Network Flight on December 22, 1981, when he brought a 16-year old cancer patient home to Detroit who had just received treatment in New York City. CAN recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary and its 25,000th patient flight, both tributes to the boundless energy and vision of Leonard Greene.

There is a sign on the wall of the office of Corporate Angel Network in White Plains, New York, with a quotation from Winston Churchill which reads: "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." By that measure, Leonard Greene made an extraordinary life and he will be deeply missed by his family, friends, co-workers and countless others whose lives were touched by this aviation giant.

NOT ALL ANGELS ARE CORPORATE

Corporations who fly our patients are the backbone of Corporate Angel Network's effort to transport cancer patients to and from nationally recognized treatment centers. However, recently two individuals proved that you don't need to be a Fortune 500 company to contribute to the cause.

Michael Cummings of Austin, Texas, learned of CAN's work through the Internet and decided to lend a hand by donating a free flight he had earned on Southwest Airlines. The flight enabled cancer patient Toni Main to travel from the M.D. Andersen Cancer Center in Houston back to her home in Skiatook, Oklahoma so she could celebrate her birthday with family and friends. Barbara Fagan of South Salem, New York, also knew of CAN's work and she was kind enough to donate miles she had earned through Delta Airlines. Her gift enabled cancer patient Susan Jackson-Cogan of Grants Pass, Oregon, to travel from Oregon to Missouri where she received treatment at the Lester E. Cox Medical Center.

It is important to note that Corporate Angel Network is not always able to accommodate travel requests due to the complex schedules of its corporate participants. However, in these two cases, the generosity of two individuals afforded CAN the flexibility to arrange for two cancer patients to reach their destinations. The staff and volunteers of CAN wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Michael Cummings and Barbara Fagan, who proved that you don't have to be a corporation to be an Angel.

PATIENT LETTER

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Dear Linda and the Folks of the Network:

You are truly my angels, and I am so sorry it has taken me so long to thank you for your help. Once again you arranged for my daughter and I to fly to NY for needed consultation and medical attention at Memorial Sloan Kettering on January 6, 2007. Not knowing what I would be facing was a frightening experience, especially since I had gone through this difficult time just three years ago. Everyone treated us with such great care and made us very comfortable. I believe the corporation that flew us to NY was the Wyndham Co.

Please let those folks know how grateful I am for the wonderful service they provided. As you can imagine our stress levels are so high and having to leave home and family for a distant treatment center was difficult. Your service alleviated a great deal of normal travel stress. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sandi Nirenberg

HOW TO BEAT THE BAD WEATHER BLUES

The wind was howling, the rain was pelting and the last lingering flicker of daylight evaporated. As Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy might have said, "It was a dark and stormy night," and the bad weather forced the cancellation of a corporate flight arranged by CAN that was scheduled to return seven cancer patients to central New York from treatment in New York City. It was early December last year when the intrepid band – three-year old Quinn Eakins and her father Robert; 28-year old Kermit Breed; 40-year-old Barbara Wendt and her husband Scott; and 70-year-old Clyde Sechrist and his wife Betty – found themselves stranded in the Big Apple. With some assistance from shuttle driver Clinton Bryan – a long-time supporter of Corporate Angel Network – the group made it to a hangar at Newark Airport. Weary from a long day of travel and treatment, they faced the prospect of an even longer wait. Instead of bemoaning their fates, however, they seized the initiative. A call to Hertz resulted in the rental of an eight-passenger Toyota Caravan, equipped with a car seat and a navigation system. Kermit Breed assumed the role of designated driver and the magnificent seven were soon on the road, shoulder to shoulder, battling heavy traffic, driving rains and low visibility. While she was eager to help with the driving chores, 3-year old Quinn Eakins had to settle for riding shotgun with her dad and keeping a watchful eye out for speed traps.

Fortunately, the next four and a half hours went by with no stops and no incidents, and all arrived at Elmira safe and sound, if a just a bit bone tired, by 11pm. By then the group of erstwhile strangers had become friends. They divided the cost of the rental, wished each other well and went home to their loved ones. As for Kermit Breed, we think the US Post Office should consider making him an honorary courier, since neither rain, nor wind, nor gloom of night kept him from getting everyone to their appointed destination.

CAN Flight Lines

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Based in White Plains, New York, Corporate Angel Network operates out of offices donated by Westchester County Airport. With the assistance of referring physicians, corporate flight departments, and leading treatment centers, a team of 50 part-time volunteers and five full-time staff arrange nearly 2,500 flights a year.

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CORPORATE ANGEL PATIENT PROVES TO BE AN IRON MAN

The Ironman World Championship is possibly the most famous triathlon in the world. For those new to the event, it is held annually in Hawaii and features three endurance events: a 2.4 mile swim, followed by a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26 7/32 mile marathon. To most of us, just reading about this can be exhausting, but for Andrew "Drew" Johnston, a thirty-four-year old athlete from Decatur, Illinois, it represented an irresistible challenge. Drew competed in the 2006 Ironman and finished in 283rd place from a field of 1800. Impressive under any circumstances, Drew had to contend with an additional burden: in 2004 he was diagnosed with an aggressive type of leukemia, chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML).

Drew was placed on a potent drug regimen, but because competing was so important to him, he eased back into training for the triathlon by returning to his first love, riding. He trained as hard as he ever had for the 2006 Ford Ironman Coeur d'Alene. A few weeks before the Ironman, Drew's doctors told him he was in molecular remission; he competed in the Coeur d'Alene Ironman and earned a spot in the 2006 Ford Ironman World Championship in Hawaii.

Along the way, Drew was contacted by Jeff Keating, a childhood friend who was now a documentary filmmaker in Atlanta, and Drew agreed to be the subject of Jeff's next project. The result was "Living is Winning: From Cancer to Kona" (www.doghousepictures.biz/), which documented Drew's progress as he trained and competed, showing how the process affected Johnston's family, friends and health. The highlight of the documentary is Drew's performance as he swam, biked and ran his way to the end of the 2006 contest in an amazing 9:50:10. Included in the film is footage of Drew's trip to M.D. Anderson clinic in Houston, arranged by Corporate Angel Network, where a bone biopsy verified that his leukemia remains in remission.



CAN patient Andrew Johnston competing during the 2006 Ironman World Championship.

Drew Johnston's story is an inspiration for everyone who faces difficult challenges in life. "If I can bring hope or attention to leukemia or lymphoma, then I'm all for it," says Drew. "I really wanted to show that just because you have cancer, it doesn't mean your life is over." Drew is already training for the 2007 Ironman World Championship, and the staff and volunteers at CAN will be cheering him on every step of the way.



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